

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ A method for inspecting a group of drugs, comprising:

- the infeed of patient and drug data;
- conveying said drugs past a camera;
- optical scanning said drugs by a camera;
- comparing said scanned drugs with said infeed;
- accepting or rejecting said drugs;
- storing data relating to said drugs in a memory; and
- inspecting several groups of drugs,

~~characterized in that several groups of drugs are inspected,~~ wherein each group is provided in a pack and a number of packs is connected to provide a string, wherein each string is provided with patient data, said camera inspecting said packs and the group of drugs therein, wherein the scanned image of the patient data and packs having the group of drugs therein, is entered in said memory.

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein said drug scan comprises the number of drugs.

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Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein, ~~in which~~ said drug scans comprise the shape and/or colour of
said drugs.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein both the number of drugs and the shape thereof are used for
comparing.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein, ~~in which~~ said acceptance/ rejection comprises the application
of a colour marking.

Claim 6 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein, ~~in which~~ said patient data are provided on each pack.

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein, ~~in which~~ before the scanning of said drugs they are subjected
to a treatment for spreading them out.

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Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 7, wherein
said treatment comprises applying vibration~~comprising vibrating~~.

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 7 ~~or 8~~,
wherein said treatment comprises~~comprising~~ moving ~~with~~ a brush over said pack.

Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of claims 7-~~
~~9~~ claim 7, further comprising the step of~~comprising~~ exerting a displacing engagement from
above on said drugs, comprising an annular movement in a plane essentially parallel with a
carrier on which the drugs are placed.

Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 10, wherein
said step of exerting a displacing engagement comprises exerting~~comprising~~ resilient
engagement in a direction at right angles to said carrier.

Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to claim ~~10 or 11~~ 10
wherein~~in which~~ said annular movement comprises a circular movement.

Claim 13 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 12,
wherein~~in which~~ the central axis of rotation is essentially at right angles to said carrier.

Claim 14 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the~~
~~preceding claims~~ claim 13, wherein, in which said objects are displaced during spreading in the
plane of said carrier.

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ A device for inspecting a string ~~(10)~~ of
interconnected drug packs ~~(15)~~, comprising:
 an infeed ~~(6)~~ for a string of packs ~~(15)~~;
 conveyance means ~~(4)~~ for said packs;
 a camera ~~(2)~~ for scanning the drugs in said packs;
 a discharge ~~(7)~~ for said string of packs; ~~and also~~
 an input ~~(19)~~ for patient/drug data; ~~in addition to~~
 a comparison device ~~(3)~~ for comparing said patient/drug data with said camera scans;
~~characterized in that~~
 scanning means ~~are present~~ for scanning of said patient data; and, ~~and also~~
 storage means ~~(3, 5, 8)~~ for storing said patient scans and said drug scans.

Claim 16. (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 15, wherein
~~which~~ said conveyance means comprise a circulating belt with infeed ~~(6)~~ and discharge ~~(7)~~
provided near each other.

Claim 17 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to ~~one of claims 15 or 16~~ claim 15, wherein, in which said scanning means comprise said camera (2) and also means (16) for storing its scan in a mirror image.

Claim 18 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to ~~one of claims claim 15-17, in which~~ wherein said camera comprises a first light source (16) for determining the patient data and the number of drugs, and a second light source (24) for determining the colour and/or shape of said drug scans.

Claim 19 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to ~~one of the claims claim 15-18, further~~ comprising means for spreading drugs lying next to/on top of one another, comprising a carrier (42) for said drugs, as well as a spreading device (41) disposed above said carrier and engaging on said objects, said spreading device comprising a cam-shaped part (46), which in the unloaded state is disposed directly above said carrier with clearance (a) and is designed in such a manner that it is fastened to a drive (52) in order to allow said cam-shaped part to follow a continuous path lying in a plane parallel to and above said carrier.

Claim 20 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 19, wherein in ~~which~~ said means comprise two spreading devices arranged next to one another.

Claim 21 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 19-~~or~~ 20,
wherein~~in which~~ said cam-shaped part is resiliently displaceable in a direction at right angles to
said carrier.

Claim 22 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to ~~one of claims claim~~
19-21, wherein~~in which~~ said drive comprises a rotating motor (52) provided with an arm (48)
which is at right angles to the direction of rotation and connected to the rotation shaft and on
which said cam-shaped part is arranged.

Claim 23 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to ~~one of claims claim~~
19-22, wherein~~in which~~ said drive comprises a rotating motor, a transmission (51) connected to
the rotation shaft thereof and an auxiliary arm (54) which is driven by said transmission and
extends essentially at right angles to said carrier and is fitted with said arm (48) on which the
said cam parts (46) are arranged.

Claim 24 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to ~~one of claims claim~~
19-23, wherein~~in which~~ said cam-shaped parts (46) are arranged on an arm (48), said arm being
rotatable about a first central axis of rotation (53), said arm being arranged on an auxiliary arm
(54), said auxiliary arm being rotatable about a second central axis of rotation (55), said first and
second central axes of rotation being at a distance from each other and running parallel to each
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Claim 25 (currently amended): ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 24, wherein
~~which~~ two arms with cam-shaped parts are arranged on said auxiliary arms.